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**FORMER NSA EMPLOYEE INDICTED
FOR POSSESSION OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION**

Greenbelt, Maryland - Allen F. Loucks, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, announces that today Kenneth Wayne Ford, Jr., age 34, of Waldorf, Maryland was indicted on charges of unlawfully possessing classified information related to the national defense and making a false statement. Ford, a former NSA employee, left that agency in late 2003.

According to the charges, on or about January 11, 2004, Ford had unauthorized possession of documents relating to the national defense, and information relating to the national defense which information he had reason to believe could be used to the injury of the United States and to the advantage of any foreign nation, and failed to deliver it to an appropriate officer and employee of the United States entitled to receive it. Ford was arrested on January 12, 2004.

Ford also was charged with making a material false statement on or about October 5, 2004 in connection with his submission to Lockheed Martin of a government clearance form known as a Standard Form 86. Ford is accused of stating on that form that he had been falsely arrested by the FBI and had no police record, when in fact, he had been arrested on January 12, 2004.

If convicted, Ford faces a maximum sentence of 10 years imprisonment on the possession of classified information charge and five years imprisonment on the false statement charge, and a fine of \$250,000 for each charge.

An indictment is not a finding of guilt. An individual charged by indictment is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at some later criminal proceedings.

The case is the result of an investigation by the FBI. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David I. Salem.